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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community Colleges - Accreditation Reports**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission, whenever
4 it receives any report that relates to the accreditation of a community college in
5 the State, to provide a copy of the report, within a certain period of time, to
6 certain public officials in the county or municipality in which the principal
7 campus of the community college is located; requiring the Board of Nursing,
8 whenever it determines that board-approved nursing education programs
9 offered at community colleges in the State fall below certain standards, to notify,
10 within a certain period of time, certain public officials in the county or
11 municipality in which the principal campus of the community college is located;
12 and generally relating to community colleges.

13 BY adding to
14 Article - Education
15 Section 11-401.1
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article - Health Occupations
20 Section 8-405
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
24 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article - Education

2 11-401.1.

3 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY,
4 WHENEVER THE COMMISSION RECEIVES ANY REPORT THAT RELATES TO THE
5 ACCREDITATION OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE, THE COMMISSION,
6 WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE REPORT, SHALL PROVIDE A COPY TO:

7 (1) EACH MEMBER OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY
8 OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WHERE THE PRINCIPAL CAMPUS OF THE COMMUNITY
9 COLLEGE IS LOCATED; AND

10 (2) EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO REPRESENTS THE
11 COUNTY WHERE THE PRINCIPAL CAMPUS OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS
12 LOCATED.

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Article - Health Occupations

14 8-405.

15 IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT ANY BOARD-APPROVED NURSING
16 EDUCATION PROGRAM OFFERED AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE FALLS
17 BELOW THE TESTING STANDARDS SET UNDER THIS TITLE OR BY THE BOARD FOR
18 ANY ACADEMIC YEAR AND SUBJECTS THE PROGRAM TO POSSIBLE ACTION UNDER §
19 8-404 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE BOARD SHALL NOTIFY IN WRITING, WITHIN 15 DAYS
20 AFTER MAKING ITS DETERMINATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM'S ASSESSMENT:

21 (1) EACH MEMBER OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY
22 OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WHERE THE PRINCIPAL CAMPUS OF THE COMMUNITY
23 COLLEGE IS LOCATED; AND

24 (2) EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO REPRESENTS THE
25 COUNTY WHERE THE PRINCIPAL CAMPUS OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS
26 LOCATED.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 July 1, 2004.